

Journal

Organization

Unit

From:

Hq CG"R"

To:

10001 Jan 45

Place:

32400 Jan 45

BAERENTHAL, REIPERTSWILLER, INGWILLER

Time	Serial	Time	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out	Dated		
			<p>Task Force HUDELSON consisting of Hq CGR, 62 AIB, 117 Cav Sqd, 94 Cav Rcn Sqd M (rcn sqds comd by Lt Col Hodge, 117) 500 AFA (17 FA in support), 1-540 Combat Engr, A-125 A Engr, B-645 TD Bn, B-83 Mortar Bn held defensive position along a line just S of BITCHE (7749)-EQUELSHARDT (8246)-NEUNHOFFEN (9146)-CP of TFH & 500 AFA, 1-540 Engr BAERENTHAL (843428) CP Cav G-MOUTERHOUSE (795425) CP 62 AIB-PHILIPPSBOURG (888426).</p> <p>During night Dec 31, Ry patrols tested out our defensive positions: 2 patrols hit A-62 in our right sector; 1 hit B-62 in center of Bn sector and 1 hit C-62 on left Bn sector. 2 patrols infiltrated deep into right portion of 94 Cav sector.</p> <p>VI Corps G-2 had warned all of Ry intentions to atk; everyone alerted and on position.</p> <p>At 0001 Jan Ry flare set off on right flank of TFH sector. Simultaneously, 7-man officer-led outpost of 100 Div, establ to maintain contact w/TFH, notified that they were surrounded by 60 Ry. TD's delivered fire to assist outpost.</p> <p>Ry exerted strong pressure-coordinated atk-against A & B-62 and left flank of 117. A & B Cos 540 were sent to reinforce 62 & 117. A & B-62 held. After bitter fighting throughout early morning 2 troops of 117 on left were isolated and thought to be overrun. Pressure shifted to the over-extended sector of C-62. Bitter fighting continued throughout the morning and by noon C-62 was completely cut off. The Ry drive continued to move S to BANNSTEIN (832447) & thence S on the 2 roads leading to the MOUTERHOUSE-BAERENTHAL road at (809425) and at (821425). A-125 and 2 plts 540 Eng attempting to move over these roads to BANNSTEIN were unable to reach their objective and took up defensive positions astride the roads.</p> <p>Meanwhile 19 AIB had been alerted to move to the BAERENTHAL area to assist. By 0745 leading elements arrived and</p>	

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				<p>went to MOUTERHOUSE where they assembled for a counterattack. A-19, less 1 plt, held to protect TFH CP, moved to the center of TFH sector to stop the Ry drive there.</p> <p>From 1300 to 1500 TFH CP was under direct attack by Ry company; all Hq personnel assisted defence platoon in holding off the attack. The timely arrival of A-25 1st Bn forced Ry to withdraw. Throughout the afternoon the CP was subjected to bombing, strafing, and observed artillery fire. The communication lines between MOUTERHOUSE and BARRENTHAL, and between BARRENTHAL and PHILIPPSBOURG being cut, the position was no longer tenable; Hq withdrew via ZINSWILLER, OFFWILLER to REIPERTSWILLER (801361).</p> <p>Except for area of A & B-62 the situation further deteriorated before the fanatical Ry drive and all troops fell back just S of the line MOUTERHOUSE-BARRENTHAL-PHILIPPSBOURG.</p> <p>During the night of Jan 1-2, Ry continued to advance to the S. 1 Plt A-19 provided protection for TFH CP & 1 Plt each from the same company took up defensive positions at (7339) and (802390) astride the unprotected roads leading into REIPERTSWILLER. Against overwhelming odds the two platoons held out against armored columns until 1000. They were replaced by 313 Inf. At 1630 TFH CP moved to INGWILLER (8130), 500 AFA, A-25 & 1 Plt TD attached to 313 Inf.</p> <p>Jan 3, 62 AIB was relieved by 275 Inf, 117 Cav & 9th Cav were relieved by 179 Inf and proceeded to assembly area at RINGENDORF (8723) and KIRNWEILER (8524) respectively. A-19 AIB moved to OBER-MODERN (8527), 19 AIB(-) plus C-117 took up defensive positions E of SARREINSBERG (7342) and were attached to 179 Inf.</p> <p>More than 1000 Ry were killed and at least 2000 more wounded. We lost 5 off, killed or missing, & 167 M.</p> <p>Jan 3. CP-TFH dissolved-CGR moved to BOUXWILLER (8125).</p>	

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Place: 52100 Jan 15

Bouswiller, France

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In	Out				
			0630	Lia Off from 19 AIB reported to CP	
			0730	CO arrived at CP	
			0900	CO & Lia Off from 19 AIB visited CO at Div CP	
			0915	CO and Lia Off returned from CO.	
			0930	CO, S-2 to CP 19 AIB.	
			1000	S-3 to Div.	
			1110	S-3 returned to CP	
			1320	S-3 to Div for briefing.	
			1400	Received G-3 #1.	
			1450	S-1, S-3 went to Board Meeting.	
			1515	S-1, S-3 returned to CP.	
			1630	CO, S-2 returned to CP.	
			1830	CO left CP for quarters.	

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52h00 Jan 15

62h00 Jan 15

BOUXVILLER, FRANCE

0800	CO arrived at CP
1030	CO, S-2 to Div CP
1130	CO, S-2 returned to CP
1320	CO, S-2, S-3 at Div CP for briefing
1415	CO, S-2, S-3 returned to CP
1815	CO returned to quarters.

62h00 Jan 15

72h00 Jan 15

0800	CO arrived at CP
0830	S-2 to 62 AIB CP
1030	S-2 returned to CP
1045	CO to G-3, 14th A.D.
1105	CO returned to CP
1330	CO to Div CP for briefing
1415	CO returned to CP
1815	CO returned to quarters.

72h00 Jan 15

82h00 Jan 15

0800	CO arrived at CP
1000	CO, S-2, S-3 to Div CP
1030	CO, S-2, S-3 returned to CP
1330	CO to Div CP for briefing
1440	CO returned to CP
1800	CO returned to quarters.

82h00 Jan 15

92h00 Jan 15

0800	CO arrived at CP
0920	S-2, S-3 to Div CP
1010	CO to Div CP
1030	S-2, S-3 returned to CP
1035	CO returned to CP
1330	CO to Div CP for briefing
1415	CO returned to CP
1810	CO returned to quarters.

92h00 Jan 15

102h00 Jan 15

0750	CO arrived at CP
0920	S-2 to Div CP for G-2 information
1010	S-2 returned to CP
1315	CO to Div CP for briefing
1420	CO returned to CP
1805	CO retired to quarters.

Unit

Hq CC^R^

102100 Jan 15

112100 Jan 15

BOUXVILLER, FRANCE

0715 CC to CP
 0715 CC instructed that CP was to move from
 BOUXVILLER to via MORSERAIN les BAINS.
 0900 CC^R^ received Opn Instructions #8 which
 attached 17 (-), 19, 94 (-), 117,
 125 (-) for march to forward assembly
 area.
 0930 CC gave march order to units under
 CC^R^ for march to Fwd Assembly Area.
 1210 CP CC^R^ closed out of BOUXVILLER.
 1300 Hq CC^R^ crossed IP
 1350 Hq CC^R^ established at LAURACH.
 1400 94 (-) closed in GUNDELSCHOFFEN.
 1600 125 (-) closed in ORIENTRACH.
 1600 17 12 (-) closed in MERTZVILLER.
 1715 19 AIB closed in FORSTHEIM
 1600 CC, 3-2, 3-3 to Div CP
 1700 CC, 3-2, 3-3 returned.
 1930 CC, 3-3 to confer with CG
 2100 CC, 3-3 returned with attack plan
 2200 Lia O to CP with final plans.
 2300 CC issued attack plan to 19, 17, 125-A.

Oral order.

Unit

Hq CC"R"

112400 Jan 15

122400 Jan 15

LAUBACH, FRANCE

0600	1st Element CC"R" moved from assembly area.
0710	CP CC"R" closed out of LAUBACH.
1030	CP CC"R" opened in HORNESCHLOCH.
1000	Task Force alerted.
1030	CO, S-2 to Div CP
1130	CO, S-2 returned CP.
1500	CO, S-3 to Div Fwd CP
1700	CO, S-3 returned CP
1815	CO's, 19, 47 and A-125 at CP for operation conference with CO CC"R"
1940	CO, S-2, S-3 to Div Fwd to confer with CO.
2030	Our units alerted to move to vic of NIEDERETSCHENDORF.

Unit

Hq COth

122100 Jan 15

132100 Jan 15

OBERSCHNIG, FRANCE

0001 Adv CP moved to OBERSCHNIG
0020 Adv CP closed at OBERSCHNIG
0400 CO's of 19, 17 visited CP
0550 CO and S-3 joined Adv CP
0610 Meeting of CO's 19, 17, A-125.
0630 CO of A-94 reported in and received instructions.
0710 CO, S-3 of 2nd Bn, 242 visited CP.
0715 In C from Div Arty reported in.
0715 In C from 19, 17 reported in.
0800 17 crossed LB encountered SA fire.
0803 19 crossed LB wire coming out.
0815 Scavenger reported smoke mission completed, prepared to repeat.
0815 17 crossed LB #2, visibility poor because of smoke.
0900 COth in C to 19; not receiving mortar fire.
0900 G-17 in position to fire on objective.
0910 A-94 at check point #3, nothing to report.
0912 A-94 at check Point #4, nothing to report.
0910 G-17 fired on church steeple, reported they knocked out one tank.
0950 CO to CP's, 19 AIB, 17 1st Bn.
0955 17 reported loss of 3 Tns by 17 action in vic HATTEN.
1008 A-94 reached check Point #6; all clear.
1025 CO returned to CP
1030 19 held up along LB #3, requesting artillery fire.
1040 CO to 19, 17.
1125 CO returned to CP.
1200 CO to CP, 19-17.
1230 CO 14 AD to CP
1240 CO 14 AD left CP.
1310 Col HOFFEN from STROSA at CP (observing)
1410 Col HOFFEN left CP.
1510 Message from CO relative to contact made by 17 with Inf in HATTEN.
1525 Report of 79 to CP (Col HOFFEN)
1515 Col SCHRIEBER of 242 at CP.
1600 G-3 of 14 AD at CP
1610 Ass't G-2 at CP
1655 Telephone msg from CO relative to disposition of troops vic HATTEN.
1730 CO returned to CP.
1930 CO, S-3 to confer with CG.

Unit

Hq CC"R"

122100 Jan 15

132100 Jan 15

OBERSCHNITT, FRANCE

2100
2130
2300

Received word of counterattack against
RITTERSHOFFEN, organized local defenses.
OO 17 at CP for CI for 14 Jan.
C/A on RITTERSHOFFEN stopped.

Unit

CG 9th

132100 Jan 15

112100 Jan 15

OBERBETSCHDORF, FRANCE

0030	Message from 62 AIB to CP (brought info on disposition of troops).	
0100	Lia O from 25 Tk (CG) at CP. Gave fire plan for day. Received our plan for days activities.	
0300	Maj RIASILLA at CP to get info on O/A of last night.	
0700	17th moved into position.	
0800	Continued to attack HATTEN.	
1130	Began to advance in HATTEN.	
1100	CG, 14 AD at CP.	
1120	CG, 14 AD left CP.	
1125	CG, VI Corps at CP.	
1130	CG, VI Corps left CP.	
1500	Co "F", 94th to WINDENBETSCHDORF.	
1500	CG 94 at CP.	
1530	Co "F" received assignment in defensive plan.	
1515	O/S 14 AD at CP.	
1600	Received orders from CG 14 AD to institute air-tight defense in anticipation of strong attack.	Instituted plans for defense.
1930	CG, 3-3 to Div CP.	

Unit

Hq 0048

142400 Jan 15

152400 Jan 15

OBERRETSCHDOEF, FRANCE

0500	19 Reported by phone C/A from E contained.
0630	19 reported by phone C/A from S contained.
0830	CG to Div GP by motor to discuss possible support to take high ground N of HATTEN.
0850	CG returned. B-47 to return today to our control.
0900	CG by motor to GP 17 and 19
0935	CG returned to GP.
1050	CG of 14 AB; CG of 79 Div arrived at GP.
1100	CG of 14 AB & 79 Div left.
1240	Our Lia C from Div.
1310	Attack order issued by CG to restore N road in HATTEN.
1500	CG to GP 19 AIR, then to Fwd GP.
1620	CG returned (could not get to Fwd GP, heavy arty fire).
1930	CG to Div GP (for briefing).
2010	CG returned to GP.

Unit

Hq CCVR

152400 Jan 15

162400 Jan 15

ONNESTESCHDORF, FRANCE.

0950
1015

Col GAIN 1-315 arrived.
CG 14 AB arrived to discuss attack
of HATTEN.

1022
1025

CG departed.
CG of 14 arrived to confer with Col
HUDNISON.

1030
1045

CG of 14 departed.
CG of 79 arrived to discuss progress
with Col HUDNISON.

1105
1110
1515

CG of 79 departed.
Col GAIN departed.
C/S of 14 AB arrived, discussing
situation.

1530

CG 79 Div arrived to discuss ops
for night.

1550
1925
2020

CG 79 Div departed.
CG departed to Div GP for meeting.
CG returned to GP.

Unit

CC"R"

162400 Jan 15

172400 Jan 15

OBENSTEDT, FRANCE

0900	Go to 17 CP.
0905	C/S 1h AD arrived.
0908	CG 79 Div arrived at CP to talk with Maj OWINGS.
0920	CG 79 Div departed.
0930	C/S departed.
0930	Gen WILK came to see Gen WYTH, departed immediately.
1015	CG returned.
1025	C/S arrived to discuss operations.
1120	C/S departed.
1610	CG to CP's, 19-17.
1650	CG returned to CP.
1925	CG to Div CP.
2005	CG returned to CP.

Unit

Bq CGP/RP

172100 Jan 15

182100 Jan 15

OBERRETSCHDORF, FRANCE

0820	CG to CP 19 AIR.
0845	CG returned to CP.
0920	Col SCHMIDT arrived to discuss defenses.
0955	Col SCHMIDT departed.
1005	CG 14 AB arrived at CP to discuss operations.
1020	CG 14 AB departed.
1220	CG to CP 17.
1245	CG returned to CP.
1420	IG arrived to discuss needs.
1515	IG departed.
1515	C/S arrived (discuss progress).
1543	C/S departed.
1550	CG to CP 17.
1555	Col SCHMIDT arrived.
1605	CG returned to CP.
1615	Col SCHMIDT departed.
1920	CG to Div CP for meeting.
2040	CG returned to CP.

Unit

Hq CG "R"

182400 Jan 15

192400 Jan 15

OBERBETSCHDORF, FRANCE

L-119

0615 TF W/TE - Veh activity in BUEL, ASCH-
BACH, STUNWILLER, & HATTEN- think
attack imminent.

0655 h7 - ground muddy on top but from
underneath tks o.k.

0730 Inf atk from S, E, NE supported by
1 Tk, flat trajectory fire from W.
CO to CP h7 to direct defense.

0815 G-3 called; can use F-94.

0830 Need medics, brunt of atk on our SE,

0855 hvy SA fire. Keep arty on N flank &
E.

0905 Slow down arty fire but increase it
in the draws, send armor fast, sit-
uation bad, want armor to help them
close in hand to hand.

0910 CO returned to CP.

0915 h7 - everything under control and
going according to plan, no change
in HATTEN, fairly quiet.

0920 Aid station demolished, need medics
badly. Fire quieting down, 3 Tks
in town.

0922 C/S arrived to discuss C/A.

1000 Medics and supplies arrived in HATTEN.

1010 CO, C/S to Fwd CP.

1035 h7 CP says KO'd AT Gun.

1037 CO phoned, - aid station leveled.

1046 S-2; h7- 1 Ry got into HATTEN from
E - fire.

1050 19- 2 Tks from E and 1 from N, need
plasma.

1110 19-fallen back slightly atk by tks,
inf, and bazookas.

1150 19 - send tks at once. Ry attacking our
position from S.

1205 19-Our ambulance seen going into HATTEN,
AG and mortars firing on HATTEN.

1210 HOLDEN- need for tks urgent, Ry tks
S of them, being pushed back from E.

1220 Last 5 or 6 houses pressure from E,
calling for tks.

1220 CO - 1 Med and 2 Lts to report to
HOLDEN.

*1215 19-1 ambulance returned w/casualties,
evacuated. Mortars and AG blazing
away. TD firing on target in S of
HATTEN.

Unit

Hq COBRA

1318 CO and C/S returned.
1327 Maj DANIEL - have 11 medics of 19 in
HATTEN and 5 off 9h. Lost 1 ambulance
in town.
1345 Intermittent S/A and heavy arty and mortar
expect another attack when they have re-
organized.
1440 Pressure has slackened.
1515 Col SCHRIEBER arrived to discuss
defenses.
1515 Col SCHRIEBER departed.
1925 CO to Div CP for meeting.
2018 CO returned.

Unit

Hq CO^{GR}

192400 Jan 45

202400 Jan 45

OBERRETSCHDORF, FRANCE

0900	CO to CP 47, 19
0920	CO returned.
0940	Fwd CP, everything is quiet.
1300	CO to Div CP for meeting.
1340	CO returned.
1400	S-3 to Div CP for MO on proposed move.
1440	S-3 returned.
1500	Meeting of all CO's at CP.
1800	First units proceeded to withdraw from HATEN.
1830	Units proceeded to new assembly areas.
2145	CO ^{GR} Hq left for new CP.

Unit

Hq CC"R"

202100 Jan 15

212100 Jan 15

WOLSCHHEIM, FRANCE

0920
1015

Arrived at new CP via WOLSCHHEIM.
Units reported closed in after
difficult road march - bad weather.

1100
1110
1130
1520

CO and S-3 to Div CP
CO and S-3 returned.
S-2 to Div CP.
S-2 returned.

Unit

Hq CGP

212400 Jan 45

222400 Jan 45

WOLSCHHEIM, FRANCE

0800 Orders issued for our units to re-equip and reorganize as quickly as possible.
0900 S-94 to set up local defense of this town.
1005 CO to PHALSBURG.
1110 CO returned.
1300 CO and S-3 to Div CP for briefing.
1450 CO and S-3 returned.

222400 Jan 45

232400 Jan 45

0900 S-2 and S-2's of our units to Div CP for meeting.
1000 CO and S-3 to CP 47, 19
1105 CO and S-3 returned.
1130 S-2 returned.
1300 CO and S-3 to Div CP for briefing.
1315 Security Officer arrived, to give lecture to 19, 47.
1420 CO and S-3 returned.
1620 Security Officer completed mission.